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1. HA'ARETZ REPORTED ON JULY 2 MILITARY ADMINISTRATION FOR OCCUPIED TERRITORIES PREPARING ORDERS ESTABLISHING PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS FOR MEDICAL, PHARMACEUTICAL AND LEGAL PROFESSIONS ON WEST BANK. MEMBERS THESE PROFESSIONS NOW BELONG AMMAN-BASED JORDANIAN ORGANIZATIONS. NEW ORGANIZATIONS WOULD BE ESTABLISHED IN ACCORDANCE WITH JORDANIAN LAW. NEWSPAPER CLAIMED MOST MEMBERS OF PROFESSIONS CONCERNED DO NOT OBJECT BUT DEMAND EAST JERUSALEM COLLEAGUES BE INCLUDED, A PROPOSAL OPPOSED BY MILITARY ADMINISTRATION.

2. MAHMOUD ABU ZALAF, EDITOR JERUSALEM ARABIC DAILY EL QUDS (INDEP.), CONFIRMED TO CONGEN OFF THAT MAY WB LAWYERS INTERESTED IN FORMING OWN ORGANIZATION BUT OPPOSE EXCLUSION EAS JERUSALEM LAWYERS AS IMPLYING RECOGNITION ISRAELI ANNEXATION OF EAST JERUSALEM. HE THOUGH COMPROMISE WAS BEING WORKED OUT ON THIS ISSUE.

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3. ACCORDING REUTER AMMAN REPORT IN JUNE 27 JERUSALEM POST, JORDANIAN BAR ASSOCIATION ASKED GOJ "TAKE MEASURES" AGAINST ARAB LAWYERS TRYING TO SET UP INDEPENDENT ASSOCIATION OF WB. REFTEL REPORTS WARNING OF GOJ MINISTER FOR OCCUPIED TERRITORIES RE POSSIBLE GOJ SANCTIONS IN SUCH CASE.

4. COMMENT: MOTIVATION BEHIND THIS REPORTED ISRAELI MOVE NOT ENTIRELY CLEAR, SINCE APPEARS SOMEWHAT CONTRADICTORY TO GOI OPPOSITION TO SEPARATE WB ENTITY. ON OTHER HAND, WB PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS INDEPENDENT OF AMMAN'S INFLUENCE ON SUCH MATTERS AS POLITICALLY- MOTIVATED LAWYERS' STRIKE OBVIOUSLY DESIRABLE FROM ISRAELI POINT OF VIEW. WHILE WE HAVE HEARD NOTHING ABOUT OTHER PROFESSIONS, IT EVIDENT THAT SUBSTANTIAL NUMBER OF WB LAWYERS ARE INTERESTED IN SEPARATE ASSOCIATION AND THAT SOMETHING LIKELY TO DEVELOP, DESPITE THREATS FROM AMMAN OF POSSIBLE LOSS GOJ CITIZENSHIP, CONFISCATION OF PROPERTY AND ARREST.
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